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Column One
BY David Courtney

THE U.S. Government has come into rough country. The Middle West and the Middle East are representative of the heavy going before which President Eisenhower and his advisers on farming and foreign policy must feel the need to pause and take breath. It is a matter of direct interest to that considerable part of the world, which prance and posture independently as it may, has climbed on the American bandwagon and would not know what to do or where to go if it climbed down. There is, of course, the risk that the Republican Administration, harried by rebellious farmers and impatient with the "dragging feet" of America's allies, will stop the wagon and rid it of what certain Senators already believe to be mere passengers, a dead weight that serves only to drive the wheels deeper into the mud.

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HAPPILY, the risk is not yet urgent. If France ratifies the E.D.C. treaties; if Belgrade and Rome come to terms; if Israel behaves herself; if Persia gets her oil flowing again, and in the right direction: if, in short, the best-laid schemes of the State Department's mice and men gang not too much agley; and if Sir Winston Churchill gives up his plan to call upon M. Malenkov, and if Britain and France stop giving encouragement to the idea that the Korean square table, as cut and hammered together at U.N., should be round after all and that Communist China should replace Formosa in the world's councils...; perhaps then the wagon will go lumbering on, with all its present occupants, to whatever goal has been decided upon. And we shall be able to write Mr. Dulles up as a dourly determined Secretary of State, if not a great one; and President Eisenhower as a lucky President.

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THE signs are not particularly fortunate. The success of America's foreign policy largely depends on a settlement of the German re-armament question and on a settlement of the Korean conflict, both settlements to accord with policies to which Mr. Dulles and the Republican Party are deeply committed. France is in no mood to agree to the German settlement unless the question of the Saar is first cleared up; and, although Dr. Adenauer is meeting with M. Bidault this week to discuss the Saar it needs only half an eye to see that the two positions are irreconcilable. There are, of course, other ways of getting the Germans armed; but if another way has to be taken, it will probably be done at some cost to French prestige and perhaps even to French security. Through the other half an eye it is impossible to see convincing evidence of a Far East settlement, not merely because the Communists are making things difficult, but also because there are differences hardly less than fundamental between the Far Eastern policies of London and Washington.

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THE horrid pitfalls along the way Mr. Dulles has taken would not matter so much if Mr. Benson's way through the Middle West were easier. During the past week farmers and cattlemen have been converging upon Washington to lay their bitter complaints before the Administration and to threaten a repetition of the recent Wisconsin shock to the Republican Party's prospects in the next election. To make matters worse, a public opinion poll has just shown that President Eisenhower's popularity is ebbing. The internal pressures may shake the Administration's confidence in itself and make it even more impatient than it is now of the tedious and frustrating antics of both the allies and the enemies of the United States; for it would not be any deviation from international custom for a government to try to turn the people's dissatisfaction from itself to external scapegoats. Those who tease the U.S. eagle in its present mood must be ready to take the consequences.

Jerusalem, November 2.

Watson to Visit Israel

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Mr Sam Watson, leader of the Durham Miners Union, and Mrs. Watson, are to leave by El Al tomorrow morning for Israel as guests of the Histadrut. This is Mr. Watson's second visit to Israel.

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Germany Should Enter NATO, Turkey Holds

ISTANBUL, Sunday (UP). — President Celal Bayar told the National Assembly today he considers West Germany's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "essential."

He made the single reference to Germany during a two-hour address surveying the free world's strength and Turkey's plans to bolster its strategic position as the West's defensive bastion in the Middle East.

Mr. Bayer said the national defence budget during the current year increased 55% over 1950, but despite increasing defence appropriations the 1954 budget will be balanced.

He also announced he will visit the U.S. on January 29 at the invitation of President Eisenhower. He said, "The sincere and close relations with the U.S. are becoming even closer."

The President welcomed the U.S. agreement with Spain on bases and military aid. He said "Turkey gives utmost importance to the inclusion of the whole Mediterranean area under a common security."

He voiced skepticism of Russia's peace offensive and said that Turkey wants to see deeds, not only words. Meanwhile, he added, Turkey has no intention of cutting back its own defence efforts, which now take about 40% of the nation's budget. *(UP, AP)*

Tory Diehards Block Suez Base Accord

LANCASHIRE, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Labour M.P. and a former Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said here tonight that the Government had tried to carry on Labour's policy on the British base in Egypt but was faced by a large-scale revolt of its supporters in Parliament.

He declared, "Tory instincts have been outraged. They would sooner have a fight than a fair settlement. They care nothing for the problems of maintaining a base in a hostile population, and see no point in trying to win Egyptian friendship; they have no understanding for the large problems of Middle East defence.

"They think they are still in the 19th century and have no word but 'scuffle' in their political vocabulary."

Mr. Gordon Walker said that he had no doubt that there was a considerable majority in Parliament despite any Conservative revolt for "a fair, reasonable and far-sighted settlement with Egypt."

Stalled for Fortnight

In Cairo today, informed sources said Anglo-Egyptian talks over the future of the Suez Canal Zone have been stalled since October 21 over Egyptian proposals that Britain and Egypt sign two separate treaties in an effort to settle the dispute.

Egypt wants one of the treaties to deal solely with the question of the evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone, and the other to deal with circumstances under which the zone would become available to Allied forces following such an evacuation, the sources said.

British official sources declined comment on the report but it was reported that their view was that the subjects were interrelated and should be discussed together. Meanwhile, no date has been set for a further meeting of the unofficial negotiating teams. *(Reuter, UP)*

USSR Releases 1,320 Japanese Prisoners

MOSCOW, Sunday (UP). — The President of the Japanese Red Cross announced that 1,320 Japanese prisoners of war and civilians would be repatriated by the Soviet Union by the end of the current year.

The Japanese official, Tadatsugu Shimadzu, made the announcement after a long conference with the President and other officials of the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent Society.

"Among them there will apparently be 22 war criminals who have served their sentences, 296 war criminals who have been amnestied by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet following revision of their sentences, and about 900 civilians sentenced as war criminals who have served their terms or are said to have been amnestied," Shimadzu said.

Date of Mossadegh Trial Set This Week

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter).— A Persian Government spokesman said today that the date for the trial of former Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh would be fixed on Wednesday at a preliminary session of the court martial.

The spokesman said the trial would be public "unless the court rules otherwise."

The spokesman also said that Russia has offered to resume negotiations on stalled financial and border problems, and had appointed a committee to meet with Iranian representatives to discuss them.

Sudan Holds Elections

Sudan today is to hold its first elections which are to be supervised by an international body, ANA reports. About one million Sudanese are eligible to vote in the country which has more than eight million inhabitants.

Paulus Seen as Head Of E. German Army

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — A belief that former Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus is destined for a high post in East Germany's "armed forces" has been strengthened in West Berlin political circles by his reported statement when he bade farewell to Russia on his repatriation recently.

Yesterday TASS, the official Soviet news agency, confirming that the former commander of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad in 1943 has returned to East Germany, quoted him as saying that he left Russia as a friend and approved Soviet policy towards Germany.

The Field Marshal's farewell message added: "I am sure that the only real way to achieve the peaceful unification of Germany and peace in Europe is by agreement between the Germans themselves and concluding a Peace Treaty on the basis of the August 15 Soviet Note to the Western Powers on the German Question.

"That is why I decided to return to the motherland to do my utmost to assist in achieving a peaceful unification of a democratic Germany and friendship of the German people with the Soviet people and also with all other peaceful peoples."

His whereabouts are not known but the West German newspaper "Welt am Sontag" said today that he was living in East Berlin.

Soviets Seen Planning To Make E. Germany 'Model'

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — West German economists today described the new "revaluation" announced for the East German mark as part of a Soviet plan to build up East Germany as a "show piece" at the expense of other Communist countries.

They thought that the announcement that the mark is to have gold content was also intended to help the Soviet Union win support from the East German population.

The revaluation would not affect the Soviet Union itself, however, since the Soviet Union is known to have fixed exchange rates very different to the official ones for mutual trade with East Germany they said.

Allied economists however, were more sceptical. They thought the decision had no special significance and merely represented formal confirmation of a previously fixed relationship between the Soviet ruble and the East German mark.

'Cooperation Or War' in Trieste, Djilas Warns

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Milovan Djilas, one of the four Vice-Presidents of Yugoslavia, told a huge rally in Bosnia today that "there is no room for imperialists in the Adriatic."

"There is room, however, for cooperation on a basis of equality. The alternative is war. There is no other way out of the impasse," he added, according to the Tanjug news agency.

Mr. Djilas declared that "this goes for Trieste as well. The West can make as many decisions as they like, but any decision reached without us will mean confusion and an increase of tension.

"We are solidly behind the proposals put forward by Marshal Tito," he affirmed. "There can be do decision behind our back. Public opinion has been awakened and it realises that the Yugoslav cause is a just one. This has been a great moral victory for us," he said.

In Bari, an official of the Italo-American Oil Company said last night that an Italian foreign office order had prevented two ships last week from loading petrol destined for Yugoslavia.

The official, who declined to give his name, was commenting on a report by Tanjug that Italy had been taking steps to block petrol exports to Yugoslavia. He described the report as "undeniable."

French Unit Escapes Vietminh Ambush

HANOI, Sunday (UP). — A Franco-Vietnam infantry column recently escaped from a savage Vietminh ambush 60 miles south east of here only by using bayonets, French Headquarters disclosed today.

The attack by remnants of the Vietminh 320th Division lasted four hours and was the most violent battle of 20-day-old "Operation Seagull," the statment said.

At least 100 Vietminh were killed, it said. Thirty-four bodies were left on the battleground and an equal number were dragged into the jungle. American-built Bearcat fighters and French artillery were brought into play and accounted for the rest, the statement added.

French losses were not disclosed, but were described officially as "relatively light."

In Paris, Commissioner-General Maurice Dejean left by air today for Saigon after Government consultations on Vietnam's restiveness within the French Union.

General Dejean said that he believed the "misunderstanding", which grew up between France and Vietnam following the Saigon Nationalist Congress, had been cleared up.

Sharett, Goldmann Eulogize Weizmann at Agency Memorial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chaim Weizmann possessed three qualities which marked his path to greatness — consuming love, deep faith and mighty inspiration, the Foreign Minister stressed last night in his address in the Jewish Agency building, in Jerusalem, on the occasion of the first anniversary of President Weizmann's death.

Weizmann was the prophetic expression of the longings of all generations, Mr. Sharett said, the creative manifestation of the spirit of Israel and the embodiment of the miracle of Israel which has baffled the world. He was spontaneous and natural, irresistible, a truly elemental force.

Before the establishment of independence, Weizmann was to his own people and to the world as a whole the embodiment of the State. His upright bearing, his nobility, his regal outlook and moral authority were always visible, privately and publicly, in private conversation and in official interview, in the palaces of Europe and America and in the humble huts in the Land of Israel and in every corner of the earth. The sense of destiny never forsook him.

A nation that has produced men like Weizmann in the past and the present deserves to live an eternal life, Mr. Sharett concluded.

Message for Today

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency and President of the World Jewish Congress, stressed the importance of Weizmann's pattern for Zionism today and for the State of Israel, since there has been a tendency to proceed in directions other than those set by Weizmann. If we are not to defeat the real meaning of Zionism, we must always keep in mind the Weizmann pattern, his concept of Zionist aims and methods of implementation.

Citing Lessing's maxim, "The road to the truth is more important than the truth itself," Dr. Goldmann pointed out that Weizmann believed in the inseparable unity of ways and means to reach the goal. The lesson Weizmann left behind is more important today than 15 years ago because there is more Jewish reality now; the opportunity is greater and so is the responsibility.

Zionism was for him more than just another nationalist movement. For him the Jewish State was never the main aim of Zionism. The State was to serve, as an instrument for bringing an entirely new society.

He did not preach the theory of the chosen people and he despised bombastic talk about it; he believed however that the Jewish people is committed to labour towards becoming a chosen people and to build something wonderfully different in its new State. He thought primarily in terms of quality.

Understood Hard Facts

Weizmann faced the hard facts and understood that there would be no salvation by miracle. He was a man of facts and of scientific analysis with regard to immediate problems but a great dreamer in relation to the distant future.

He was guided by the deep-rooted conviction that the salvation of the Jewish people lies in its own hands. This seemingly simple truth was, in a way, the greatest revolutionary message of modern Zionism. He never blamed others for our defeats, never arraigned non-Jews for our failures. His primary criticism was always addressed to the Jewish people. His famous call: "Jewish people, where are you" was not rhetorical but the essence of his approach to Zionist and Jewish problems, Dr. Goldmann said.

A reception in honour of Mrs. Vera Weizmann, on the occasion of her election to the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was held by Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, Chairman of the Institute's Executive Committee, and Mrs. Weisgal at their residence in "Shikun Weizmann" in Rehovot yesterday afternoon.

13 EXECUTED AS SPIES IN RUMANIA

VIENNA, Sunday (AP). — Thirteen persons, sentenced to death by a Bucharest military court on October 12 on charges of espionage and sabotage, were executed yesterday, the official Rumanian Press Service Agerpres said today.

Mme. Pandit Says India Set Against Communism

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President of the U.N. General Assembly, today said the "Indians have declared themselves unequivocably against Communism."

"We have taken ample steps against it in our country to shew that we don't hold with it, but we have not put anybody in prison because he is a Communist or because of his belief," she said in a television programme, "Youth Wants to Know."

"We fight no war against the Soviet Union or the U.S., or anybody else; we are fighting hunger and illiteracy and disease," she added.

Curfew in Lucknow After Student Riots

LUCKNOW, Sunday (Reuter).— Prime Minister Nehru today threatened to close Lucknow University unless students end the turbulence which provoked two days and nights of clashes with Police in which one man was killed.

A curfew has been proclaimed in the city for four days during which citizens will be allowed on to the streets for only two hours each morning to buy necessities.

Police opened fire in today's troubles which were said to be the fault mainly to hooligans brought into the open by yesterday's fight between students and Police in which 20 persons were hurt.

Three post offices were sacked and two electric power stations attacked.

Trouble flared up after Friday's arrest of two students on a hunger strike in protest at the expulsion of 14 students.

Mr. Nehru said unless the students behave he would start new universities and introduce changes in the entire education system.

In the nearby university town of Allahabad, students today demonstrated in sympathy with those arrested in Lucknow.

Explanations Again Delayed in Korea

PANMUNJOM, Sunday (Reuter). — An Indian custodial force spokesman said tonight that no "explanations" would be held tomorrow as North Korean prisoners had refused to leave their compounds to attend them.

The "explanations" to prisoners unwilling to go home were resumed yesterday after a long delay. Yesterday many of the 450 North Koreans interviewed screamed and hurled chairs and tables at the Communist interviewers, and only 21 expressed a wish to return home.

Earlier today, wild and unruly Chinese prisoners broke up a prison camp investigation of alleged murders within their compound. They refused to march past two former prisoners who claimed they could identify the murderers.

Officials also failed to find a body which was supposed to be buried there. Fifteen Indian soldiers, working in shifts, turned back the flaps of a tent identified as the "slaughterhouse" by the two witnesses, but the inspection team halted digging after the Indian troops ran into a maze of roots four feet below the surface, indicating that the ground had never been broken.

NEW DELHI, Sunday (UP). — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru denounced critics of his Korean policy today and said India would not run away from her responsibilities in Korea.

Addressing a public meeting at Patna in the flood-devastated Bihar state, Mr. Nehru attacked those who advocate recall of the Indian custodial force in Korea because of the serious situation there. The Prime Minister said the situation was "difficult but not dangerous."

Greeks Beat Israel In Soccer Cup

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — An Israel selected soccer team lost to a Greek selected team 1:0 in Athens today. Some 30,000 persons packed the Panathenaikas Stadium to watch the match, fought in the opening round for the World Football Cup.

The only goal of the match was scored in the seventh minute of the second half. The Israel defence was good, but their attacking was poor, and the Greeks played a fast game and had control of the ball all the time.

Hodorov, the Israel goalie, received special praise from a Radio Athens commentator who referred to one of his saves as a "miracle."

Knesset to Discuss Kindergarten Fees

An amendment to the Compulsory Education Law which would require parents of five-year-old children to pay up to IL.84 kindergarten tuition fee a year is to be given its first reading this week in the Knesset.

According to the amendment, special arrangements will be made for parents who cannot afford the full amount. About 30% of the parents, particularly those in ma'abarot will be exempt from payment. *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

In those areas where local authorities have imposed tuition payments, kindergartens have already opened.

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Cabinet Puts Off Knesset Foreign Policy Debate

At its weekly meeting yesterday, the Cabinet decided to postpone the Knesset foreign policy debate until after the Security Council concludes its deliberations on the Syrian complaint and on the Kibya issue. The *Jerusalem Post* reliably learned last night.

It will be recalled that a recent meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee decided to hold such a debate as soon as possible after the Knesset resumes.

The Cabinet heard a report by Mr. Moshe Sharett, on the progress of the Security Council discussions. The Foreign Minister also reported on his discussions with Mr. Eric Johnston, Special Envoy of President Eisenhower. No decisions were taken on these matters, it was learned.

The Cabinet approved the proposal of the Minister of Finance, to offer IL.5m. in government bonds to banks and cooperative credit institutions. Of this sum, IL.3m. will replace bonds issued in that sum by the Provisional Government, which expire at the end of this year. The bonds served part of the legally required liquid cover against deposits. The additional IL.2m. will serve the same purpose.

The official Cabinet communique said:

At its weekly meeting yesterday, the Cabinet heard a report from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the discussions in the Security Council and of conversations held with President Eisenhower's Special Envoy.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal of a loan of IL.5m. from financial institutions; and ratified the International Convention on Slavery, a trade agreement with Mexico and an air service agreement with the Belgian and Swiss governments.

Johnston Optimistic On Water Project

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — "The New York Times" reports from Jerusalem that Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's Special Envoy, told U.S. officials here that he believed skilful diplomacy could win Syrian and Jordanian approval of the U.S.-backed plan for cooperation with Israel in developing the Jordan Valley River system despite public statements by Arab leaders rejecting the U.S. proposal.

Mr. Johnston is reliably reported to believe that direct diplomatic contacts by the U.S. with interested Arab countries could eventually create a climate making possible Arab League endorsement of the plan darfted by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mr. Johnston is understood to be convinced that Jordanian officials were impressed by the technical merits of a unified development plan, but were unable to indicate their interest publicly because of the feelings here which followed the Israel attack on Kibya.

Syria Informs Johnston Of Anti-Israel Stand

Syria has made it clear to Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's Special Envoy, that it welcomes any American scheme granting economic aid to the Middle East provided Israel is excluded, ANA reports. Mr. Johnston is to leave Damascus today for Beirut.

Syrians Fire On Israel Vessel

An Israel Police Boat on Lake Kinneret was fired upon from Syrian out-posts at 10.30 yesterday morning, the Army spokesman announced.

The officers returned the fire, the exchange continuing for some time. None of the policemen were injured.

A complaint has been lodged with the Israel-Syrian M.A.C.

The Arab News Agency reported yesterday that a Jewish patrol had entered the demilitarized zone in the Sheikh Jarrah area of Jerusalem on Saturday. On the approach of Jordan guards, the Israelis opened fire before withdrawing to their own section of the city, the agency alleged. No casualties were reported. Jordan has submitted a complaint to the Mixed Armistice Commission, it said.

A group of five infiltrators was discovered yesterday hiding in a grove of a kibbutz in the South. They were captured and handed over to the police.

A 15-year-old infiltrator was found by the police near a kibbutz in the western Negev yesterday, in a sick condition. He was brought to hospital in Beersheba.

Thefts in the South

On Saturday night, four cows and two donkeys were stolen from a Gan Yavneh farm. Police followed tracks of three barefooted men for 12 kilometres in the direction of the Gaza strip. They found the livestock and restored them to their owner.

Water pipes and irrigation sprinklers were stolen from Kibbutz Tsad Mordecai on Friday night. Tracks led to the Gaza border.

A kibbutz in the area told the police today that from July to September 1,300 dunams of sorghum, valued at IL.12,000, had been stolen by marauders.

The Army spokesman yesterday rejected the Jordan explanation of the incident in the Budrus area last Thursday when the Arab Legion fired upon a team of Israel officers on their way to a Local Commanders' meeting.

The resumption of meetings of local commanders in all sectors of the armistice lines on October 28 had been proposed by the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission and accepted by Israel and Jordan, the spokesman said. The Jordan claim that delegates on both sides have to carry a white flag on their way to the meeting and must be accompanied by a U.N. observer is novel. This is certainly no current practice.

The Israel complaint against Jordan over the incident will be brought up at the next MAC meeting.

Mapai Kibbutz Meeting Debates Abolition of Hired Labour

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — Today's debate at the Second National Conference of Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim (Mapai kibbutz movement) at Afikim centred on the question of the abolition of hired labour in its communal settlements. Most speakers agreed on the need to abolish hired labour, but differed on the means.

Delegates pointed out that, while the will to aid the Government realize its agricultural development programme and to increase food production was strong, hired labour held an inherent danger for the communal settlements. It would adversely influence the movement and undermine its principles, they held.

The Conference searched for a compromise to reconcile the need to increase production and abolish hired labour without directly deciding to dismiss all hired hands, who aid in development.

Several proposals were made:

to transfer surplus land from kibbutzim to the movement's Yizur Vepituah company, (the company acts as a contractor working the land by hired labour but with the technical aid and machinery of the settlements);

to establish inter-kibbutz cooperation zones, where several settlements would join in working their land, each keeping its internal autonomy;

to make a drive for new members;

to strive for greater productivity and efficiency through mechanization;

to lower production expenses and cheapen produce.

A resolution calling for the immediate establishment of inter-kibbutz cooperation zones in many parts of the country was finally watered down to a suggestion for the investigation of the scheme's possibility.

The Director General of the Agriculture Ministry Mr. Haim Givati, told the Conference that, so far, production of bread, oil and sugar had not been increased. The problem at the moment, he said, was to add 50,000 dunams of groundnuts, 10-12,000 dunams of sugar beets, and some thousands of dunams of fodder each year.

Most of the land in our possession was being cultivated, but not all available water was being exploited. It was necessary to increase irrigated land by 300,000 dunam in a short time, Mr. Givati said.

Mr. R. Weitz of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department said that the kibbutz movement must put half a million dunam of irrigated land under the plough in the near future because the movement had the most skilled farmers and labourers. He, too, called for an increase in industrial crops and demanded that at least 13,000 more workers be taken on by the kibbutzim. He therefore favoured the continued operation of the Yitzur Vepituah company, which he called the most effective instrument for achieving this goal.

After a vigorous debate, the conference this evening decided to continue the company. Another resolution passed called for an increase in the number of children studying in kibbutz schools and the formation of youth groups to be educated in the spirit of agricultural settlement with a view to directing them towards the movement.

Mapai Seeks New P.M. As Knesset Resumes

By SRAYA SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset winter session opens in Jerusalem today in a supercharged atmosphere due to the impending retirement for two years of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion from active politics.

No dramatic changes, however, are expected this week and the Knesset agenda is markedly dull. The Knesset will be asked to ratify a series of Cabinet decisions on kindergarten fees, nomination of Judges and their salaries, on the appointment of Shariya Moslem Courts and on fostering locally made motion pictures.

More important by far, but low down on the agenda, is the bill to impose severer punishment on infiltrators, as well as the controversial Crimes against the State Bill.

The session is expected to be opened by Speaker Yosef Sprinzak with a eulogy to the late President Weizmann.

Candidates Mentioned

Of more significance than this week's Knesset sessions is today's meeting in Jerusalem of the Mapai Political Committee which, for the first time since the Prime Minister intimated his intention to withdraw, will tackle the "Ben Gurion Question" in earnest. Candidates may be mentioned to fill the posts of Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence and the possible implications for the Coalition must be considered, particularly so as the General Zionists, Mapai's partner in the Coalition, have made it clear that they will ask for "concessions."

The General Zionist Knesset faction met in Jerusalem last night to hear their Cabinet Ministers report on the situation. The prevalent feeling, it seems, was that the situation was not urgent and that two or three weeks could pass before the General Zionists formulated their demands.

The give-and-take possibilities of parliamentary "combinations" are so many, the "trial balloons" and "tasters" so numerous and subtle, that it would be misleading to indicate any probable set-up.

Mentioned as possible Prime Ministers are Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Minister without Portfolio Pinhas Lavon, and Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson.

Army Controller

The choice of a Minister of Defence presents greater difficulties for the man should have a fundamental understanding of Defence organization.

The Army has developed into a powerful machine under Mr. Ben Gurion's leadership and it would be injurious for it to suffer a Minister not *au fait* with all its requirements.

Responsible leaders do not believe that an early General Election is inevitable, although it has been suggested by the General Zionists. The latter's demands are in the economic field. They would like to have the Finance Ministry, or be assured at least, that their long-standing claims be satisfied — the decontrol of foreign exchange, for example.

But the demand for a General Election is a good bargaining point, for Mapai is certainly not prepared for such an emergency. Mapai committed the imprudence of fighting the last election under the slogan: "Let Ben Gurion Finish the Job He Began."

If elections are forced, now all that Mapai could claim as their work would be attributed by their opponents to the Prime Minister.

Even the Prime Minister's closest friends profess total ignorance of the motives which impel Mr. Ben Gurion to retire. The ascendancy of Mr. Ben Gurion in his party is unquestioned even by those who resent

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Good Luck To Oil Searchers

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The first oil drilling in the country will start tomorrow, at "Mazal (luck) One" near Sdom. The rig, at kilometre 7 on the Sdom-Beersheba road, will begin operations at 11 a.m., in the presence of invited guests.

The work at this point is being carried out jointly by the Lapidot, Israel Oil Prospecting and Jordan Exploration companies.

Dolphin Diary

Nov. 2, 1953

. . . There's never a dull moment at THE DOLPHIN.

The greatly reduced Autumn-Winter rates commenced yesterday, November 1, and we look forward to seeing many of our friends who were not able to come in summer.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Nahum Kurnas has left on a United Israel Campaign mission to Bolivia and Central America.

Mr. Shlomo Doron, former technical adviser to the Ministry of Transport, has been appointed technical adviser to the Ministry of Development.

A reception for Mr. Z. Lieman, Head of the Light Industries Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, was held at the Ministry yesterday on his leaving Government service.

A reception for Mr. Leonard Bernstein was held at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, yesterday, by the Israel Advisory Board of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

A tea in honour of Mrs. Leonard Bernstein was held last Thursday at the Home of Mrs. Samuel Dubiner in Ramat Gan. Proceeds from the tea went to the "Israel Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

Miss Esther Sittner arrived from New York yesterday for a visit.

A memorial service for Rabbi Avraham Yeshayahu Karelitz (Hason Ish) on the seventh day following his death, was held in the Great Synagogue, Tel Aviv, yesterday, in the presence of the Chief Rabbis of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Y. Unterman and Rabbi Y. M. Toledano.

BIRTH

EISENBERG — To Gabrielle (née Tuchler), wife of Mr. Abraham Eisenberg, Ramat Gan—a son.

'Mickey' Murphy

News has been just received of the death in London in September as a result of a road accident of Sgt/Major "Mickey" Murphy, A.T.S., who came to the Middle East in 1942 with the first small contingent of British A.T.S. to train local recruits.

A friend writes:

"Her untimely death is mourned by many Palestine A.T.S. who went through the Sarafand Training Depot. She will long be remembered as a cheerful and very lovable instructor and friend."

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Archaeology:** —
Permanent Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9—1, 4—6.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Works by Ze'ev Ben-Zvi; 28 Canadian Paintings "Girl", by Chaim Soutine; "New Hellenistic and Roman glass vessels", Rockefeller Museum. 9-1, 2-5. Works and marionettes by Dr. Paul Lowry; paintings by Dan Hoffner, Artists House, 19-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Recorded Music**
Quartet in F major (the Negro), Dvorak; Violin concerto, Tchaikovsky; Divertimento in D major, Mozart, Beit Hanoar, Mekor Baruch, 7.30 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

★ **Theatre:** —
"For Services Rendered," by Somerset Maugham; "Masseh" p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Theatre:** —
Amateur Theatre, Y.M.C.A. 8.30 "Naar-a-Din" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.
"Caution, Road Under Repair," Li-La-Lo, Yasha Helfets Hall, 7.15 and 9.45 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Jewish Antiquities, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Arabic Art. Municipal Museum, Town Hall 10-1, 4-6.
Exhibition of "Art of China and Japan" (from the collection of Mr. Jacob Pins, Jerusalem). Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Recorded music:** —
L.P. records, Beethoven's Symphonies, No. 7 and 8. Pevsner Hall, 8 p.m.

KIRYAT MOTZKIN

★ **Theatre:** —
"My Sister Eileen," Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi: "Countess Maritza," Operetta. Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Claims J'lem Inspectors Lax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Municipal inspectors are not fulfilling their duties in enforcing City by-laws, Deputy Mayor Rabbi M. Porush told *The Jerusalem Post* on Thursday.

He cited as an example that it is the duty of the inspectors to see that all shops are closed by 7 p.m., yet many of them are seen open after that hour.

It is also their duty to see that unlicensed pedlars keep to the area set aside for them in Rehov Agrippas and that shopkeepers should not clutter up the pavement with empty crates and boxes, yet in the Mahaneh Yehuda Market, the pavements are constantly cluttered and pedlars even sit in the middle of the road.

Much of the blame for the atmosphere of inefficiency which pervades the Department lies in the senior officials' lack of power to enforce discipline. The inspectors are all members of the Histadrut, and although that organization does not encourage inefficiency on the part of its members, it is a difficult process to bring action against a member on charges of inefficiency.

Rabbi Porush emphasized that his dissatisfaction with the Department of Inspectors did not stem from their alleged failure to make sure that all businesses were closed on the Sabbath.

He described efforts he had made to see that all by-laws were properly enforced. Every time he received a complaint, he personally checked it, he said.

Many difficulties are presented in running Jerusalem properly, the Deputy-Mayor said, but he believed that much progress had been made in the last few years.

Although there have been cases of laxity among individual inspectors, those men are not in the majority, a source close to the head of the Municipal Department of Inspection told *The Jerusalem Post*, in reply to Rabbi Porush' charges.

Cases requiring an inspector to be disciplined have been reported to the proper city officials, without any action following, the source charged.

The 12 inspectors who make up the Department were performing a vital function in seeing that the city's many by-laws were kept, yet they were hampered in many respects, he claimed. Every week the inspectors lay charges against an average of 50 to 60 persons for violating by-laws. Yet the fines imposed by the courts are so small, that offenders are not discouraged from continuing, he pointed out.

Press Review :

Syria Disputes Sovereignty In Jordan Development Plan

Commenting on the debate in the Security Council, "Zmanim" (Progressive) says that a question of principle is at stake: Israel is either entitled to carry out development work in her territory, or else restrictions may be imposed by outsiders. The paper says that it is not important whether Israel has many or few resources, and perhaps Mr. Eban was wrong in putting too much emphasis on the dearth of water here: it is a legal issue of sovereignty.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says that Syria's legal complaints have been refuted by the simple fact that between the Lakes Hulch and Kinneret the Jordan does not pass through Syrian territory at all. Attention is drawn to the declaration of Jordan's Prime Minister that his country is ready to undergo much suffering but will not make peace with Israel, and a similar statement from Shishakly. "Haboker" demands that these announcements should be brought to the attention of the Security Council, which will find it very hard indeed to compel Israel to freeze its development projects when faced with the Arab governments' attitude.

Equivocal Communique

Analyzing the results of the Jerusalem Economic Conference, "Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the public announcements have been too equivocal, and demands further clarification of such phrases as the "efforts which shall be made to enlist the money necessary to consolidate the Government's short-term obligations. The paper regrets the atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the Conference and says that Israelis will once again have to learn the facts from American newspapers after the return of the guests to the U.S. "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) also regrets the lack of authoritative news about the conference.

"Omer" (Histadrut) comments on the Prime Minister's decision to resign. The paper regrets that some Coalition members believe that the time has come to take the attitude that the obligations they accepted when they entered the coalition held good only as long as Mr. Ben Gurion headed the Government. The paper says that the present situation makes a strong, united Government imperative, and it is doubtful whether attempts to exploit the present crisis for party interests will gain wide sympathy among the public.

Both "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Ha'aretz" give much space to reports about the alleged reasons for the Prime Minister's resignation. "Al Hamishmar" says that Mr. Ben Gurion has complained that in recent months some Mapai Ministers have sometimes voted against him, thus strengthening the General Zionists. Editorially "Al Hamishmar" comments on the struggle of the working class for higher pay and says that 1953 has been the year of freezing wages while in 1954 they will be lowered — in accordance with the Government's wishes and interests. The Government's assumption that a reduction of buying power will encourage production for export would be true perhaps if a large domestic market existed and if Israel already had a foothold on markets abroad.

"Herut" further develops its new thesis about the establishment of a national emergency Government. The "Chamberlains" should be forced to resign. The paper does not elucidate however what parties should be included in the new Coalition headed by "Herut"; it appears however that Mapai, Mapam, the General Zionists, the Progressives, the religious parties and the Communists should be excluded.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) carries no editorial, but publishes the recent anti-Israel article from "Time" without comment. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) deals with the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic.

Trade Unions' Work Fund at IL.3.5m.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut emergency unemployment fund raised IL.3.5m., Mr. I. Haskin, Histadrut Treasurer, told the organization's Executive here on Thursday. The fund helped to execute works worth IL.11m., providing one million working days. Mr. Haskin said that the Fund helped private enterprises as well, if work to ease unemployment could be assured.

Mr. Beri Repetur reported that only unskilled workers found difficulty in finding jobs. The local councils were expected to carry out only 40% of the last year's relief programme because, he complained, the Ministry of the Interior was slow in ratifying public works. The "town-to-country" movement could solve much of the problem if housing could be provided speedily, he said.

Mr. Repetur envisaged a IL.10m. fund to create 500,000 working days immediately, as well as 12 to 13 days a month work for 15,000 labourers in the next three months.

Mr. I. Elam, Secretary General of the Ministry of Labour, said the citrus growers had failed to provide the 2,000 working days which they had been expected to supply, and the Ministry of Labour had had to step up its public works programme, using up the budget in a shorter time than anticipated.

Foreign Investors Claim Treasury Bottle-Neck

Allegations of "red tape" in the Investment Centre and of neglect of the few genuine foreign investors still trying to find their way to Israel, were made at a press conference last week by spokesmen of the Association of Foreign Investors in Tel Aviv.

Several cases to prove these charges were cited by Mr. D. Dunsky, Chairman of the Association, Dr. A. Raphaeli and Dr. B. Sternberg. The main cause for the "red tape," they asserted, was the absence of Mr. H. Goldenberg, Director of the Investment Centre, who has been abroad for the last eight months. Another cause is the control of the Centre's activity by the Treasury, to which all decisions must be referred for final approval.

Memorial Concert For Koussevitzky

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — At a special memorial concert for the late Serge Koussevitzky, the I.P.O. conducted by Leonard Bernstein on Thursday night gave the first Israel performance of the *adagio* of the Tenth (unfinished) Symphony of Gustav Mahler.

The performance was one of the greatest ever given by the Orchestra and by the conductor. It was received by the public with extraordinary enthusiasm.

The delegation of 16 American Mayors and civic leaders was present at the concert to round off its Israel tour.

Names in the News

ALBERT SCHWEITZER who, as reported yesterday, has been awarded the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, is seen here at the organ playing J.S. Bach, of whose music he is the greatest living exponent. Dr. Schweitzer, who was born in Alsace in 1875, has achieved world fame in a number of fields, musicology, organ-playing and building, theology, and philosophy. He has spent many years in medical missionary work, establishing his own hospital in the depths of the French equatorial jungle at Lambarene. He visited Israel in 1951.

'Whites' Jailed For Apartheid Offence

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday. — Patrick Baker Duncan, 34, son of a former Governor-General of South Africa, yesterday surrendered to the police at Germiston, near here, with Miss Freda Troup, authoress, and Miss Betty Dutoit, to serve jail sentences for their part in a racial law defiance incident.

Duncan, who was given the alternative of paying a £100 fine, will serve 100 days, and the other two, 25 days each.

Before surrendering, they issued the following statement: "Our participation in the defiance campaign was prompted by our deep and serious concern about the Apartheid (racial segregation) measures of the Union Government.

They entered a Germiston African reserve last December without permits. Manilal Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, has served a jail term for entering the Germiston settlement at the same time. (*A.P. Reuter*)

Gan Shlomo Arms Suspects Remanded

NATANYA, Sunday. — The three men detained on Wednesday in connection with the discovery of an arms cache in the grounds of a private mental home in Gan Shlomo were remanded in custody for 14 days on Friday. They are Eliezer Ben Yair, 39, Director of the home, his 22-year old son Yoav, and an institute driver, Yehuda Davidovitz, 22, of Tel Aviv. Their defence lawyer, Mr. Y. Hagler, said he would appeal to the Tel Aviv District Court against their custody.

Mr. Hagler had earlier asked for their release on bail, claiming that they had nothing to do with the arms found there, which were in any case insignificant, the cache having contained only two sub-machine guns, four hunting rifles, two pistols, ten hand grenades and some "museum pieces." These, he said, were used as protection against marauders who visited the area frequently.

The police prosecutor claimed, on the other hand, that the investigation was still in progress. There were over 50 weapons in the cache, he said, adding that anyone who wanted defence weapons could apply for a licence.

ITIM reports from Lydda Airport that Shaltiel Ben Yair, another son who had been acquitted of complicity in the bombing of the flat of the late Mr. D. Pinkas, Minister of Communications, in Tel Aviv but who had been sentenced to one day in prison for possession of arms, left the country by Cyprus Airways for Nicosia on Wednesday morning.

He is understood to be on his way to a post in Ethiopia.

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WEST BROMWICH BEATEN BUT RETAIN TOP PLACE

By AKIVA KALMAN

All good things come to an end, and in Saturday's British League programme, West Bromwich Albion, who had won six away games in a row, went down to their "bogey" away team Blackpool, by 4-1. The Albion still lead the First Division, however, with 28 points.

The visitors held the seasiders to a one-all draw until halftime, but in the second period, aided by their brilliant right wing, Matthews and Mortensen, (Blackpool) slammed in three goals without reply. Taylor netted two. An unusual Wolverhampton Wanderer line-up, with England halfback captain, Billy Wright, playing as a back (necessitated by positional changes due to injuries) beat Preston North End, 1-0, to take second spot in the League table, with 24 points.

Huddersfield Town, through a home draw 0-0 again dropped to third place with 22 points. Burnley lost to Manchester City, languishing at the bottom of the table, and are fourth (20 points) while Cardiff City, who slammed home the biggest win in the League, 8-0, over Charlton Athletic, are next in line, together with Bolton Wanderers, who drew 0-0 with Aston Villa, both with 19 points. Only three of the top 13 teams gained full points, while the "bottom-dogs" did well.

Biggest Win for Chelsea

Chelsea registered their biggest win of the season by downing Liverpool at Stamford Bridge by 5-1. Sunderland defeated Tottenham, 4-3, but still foot the table with 10 points, with Chelsea, Middlesborough (who beat Portsmouth 2-0 in an away engagement) and Manchester City, next up, all with 11 points. Londoners were heartened by the win of Arsenal, who gained a 4-1 home victory over visiting Sheffield Wednesday. Newcastle United, who bought inside forward Ivor Broadis for a fee reported to be about £25,000 mid-week, lost 3-1 to the United at Sheffield, although Broadis played his usual reliable game.

Leicester City won a crucial game with a goal in the closing minutes against promotion rivals, Everton, to remain top of the Second Division, with 24 points. Doncaster stayed close behind with one point less, winning by 2-0 at home over West Ham United. Nottingham Forest kept up in the race with a one-all draw at Brentford. Despite a good 3-0 win over visiting Swansea Town, Notts. County (9 points) still foot the table, with Oldham Athletic, another home winner, 1-0 over Stoke City, next up (10 points), with Hull City, 1-0 winners over Rotherham, also in the doldrums.

Port Vale Notch 14th

In the Third Divisions, Ipswich Town, 3-0 home victors over Walsall, retained their seven point lead at the head of the table. Heavy scoring winners included Northampton Town, 6-0 over Crystal Palace; Southend United, 5-2 against Norwich Town; and Bournemouth 4-0 over Swindon Town. In the Northern section, Port Vale, rolled onto their 14th win in a row, by beating Carlisle United, 1-0, and still lead the promotion race here, eight points ahead of Gateshead, who also won at home, 3-1 against Wrexham.

In Scottish soccer, League A has an unusual look with Rangers — beaten 0-1 at home by Hearts of Midlothian — third (from bottom (8 points) and Hibernian — defeated 1-2 at home by Partick Thistle — one above, with one point more. Queen of the South, who beat Raith Rovers, 5-1, are top here with 15 points, with Dundee, who made up a 0-1 halftime deficit to draw 1-1 with Celtic, are second (11 points), Motherwell and Stenhousemuir, with 12 points each, lead the Division promotion battle.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. I: Arsenal 4, Sheff. W. 1; Aston V. 0, Bolton W. 0; Blackpool 4, West Brom. 1; Cardiff C. 8, Charlton 0; Chelsea 5, Liverpool 1; Huddersf'd 0, Man. U. 0; Man. C. 3, Burnley 1; Portsm'th 0, Middlesbro' 2; Sheff. U. 1, Newcastle 1; Sunderland 4, Tottenham 3; Wolves 1, Preston N.E. 0.

DIV. II: Blackb'n 2, Leeds 2; Brentf'd 1, Notts. 1; Bris. R. 2, Luton 5; Bury 1, Fulham 3; Derby C. 2, Birmingham 4; Doncaster 3, West Ham 0; Everton 1, Leic. C. 1; Hull C. 1, Rotherham P 0; Lincoln 2, Pl'mouth 0; Notts. C. 3, Swansea 0; Oldham 1, Stoke 0.

DIV. III(S): Bournem'th 4, Swindon 0; Cov. C. 3, Ald'shot 1; Gillingham 1, Bris. C. 2; Ipswich 3, Walsall 0; Leyton O. Exeter 1; Millwall 2, Shrewsb'y 1; N'hampton 6, Cry. P. 0; Read'g 4, Newp't 1; Southend 5, Norwich 2; Torquay 2, Colch'ter 1; Watf'd 2, S'hampton 0.

DIV. III(N): Barnet'y 0; Grimsby 0; Bradf'd 6, Acc. S. 4; Chester 1, Tranmere 2; Crewe A 3, Hallfax 1; Darl'gton 1, Stockp't 2; Gatesh'd 3, Wrexham 1; Hartlep'le 3, Rochdale 0; Rip. Ltd. 2, Dumb'rt'n 1; Fortar 2, Dundee U. 2; Kilm'nock 4, Arbr'th 0; Morton 3, Dunf'line 3; Motherw'll 4, Stenh'semuir 0; Queens Pk. 2, Ayr 4; St. Johnstone 6, Th. Lanark 1.

OTHER MATCHES: West Riding F.A. 2, South Africans 1 (at Leeds); Oxford Univ. 0, Corinthians 1 (at Oxford).

RUGBY UNION: NEW ZEALAND TOUR: N. Southern Counties 8, New Zealand 34 (at Hove). RUGBY LEAGUE: CUP FINAL: Bradford Northern 7, Hull 3 (at Headingley).

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Dr. H. LANDAU,
Director of Compulsory Loan

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6% 1955 (reg.)	99½		—
6% 1956 (reg.)	100		—
Pub. Loans			
1949/49 (IL.10)	98½		—
1950/75 (IL.10)	99½		+½
3½% War Loan 54/59	51½		—
4½%Yavi Dollar	1225		+3
3½% Shitrei Hrech large	54½		—
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	290		—1
A.P.H. Invest.			
6% Debs. 50/70	98½		+½
4½% Pref. sh.	104		—2½
Ord. sh. "B"	117		—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.			
4% Deb 48/68	79		—
6% Pref. sh.	77½		—
Bisor			
4% Debs. 46/59	98½		—
4½% 52/66 reg.	79½		—
Nir Ltd.			
6% Debs. 49/59	85		—
6% Pref. sh.	75		—
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Afr. Pal Inv. Ord. sh.	1370		+1
Hesco			
4% Debs. 46/62	98½		—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	90		+1
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	104		—6
"A" ord. sh.	169		—
Pil. Elec. Ord. sh. (Ler.)	309		—
Mekoroth Pref. sh.	95		—3
Ata 6% "C" Pref.sh.	2765		—1
Ord. "B" sh.	1775		+2½
6-8% Con. Debs.	1135		+3
"Kurdanah"Ord "B"sh	1870		+2½
Assis-Beg. "B" sh	375		+1
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AT THE CINEMA

IT would be a mistake to think that this is no time for comedy, after visiting some of the Jerusalem cinemas this week. Even more surprising to see an uproariously funny film made by world-famous director Vittorio de Sica of 'The Bicycle Thieves' and 'Shoeshine' fame. In 'Miracle at Milan' (Hasamir, J'lem) he turns to surrealist fantasy. In spite of the unmistakably leftist message, a group of D.P.s are for once portrayed with great humour and optimism; real miracles happen and at the end the entire family takes off to heaven on broomsticks, accompanied by angels.

The *carabinieri* under their commander (who to his own surprise suddenly sings like a coloratura soprano) recall romantic operetta. De Sica's film, a real stroke of genius, has a cast made up of non-professionals, and some famous actors such as Emma Gramatica (the hero's fostermother) and Mr. Bragaglia.

French Side-Splitter

WHAT endears 'Fanfan la Tulipe' (Edison, J'lem) — another side splitting masterpiece, this time from France and directed by Christian Jaque — is that it out-cloaks all cloak and dagger romances in the Three Musketeer tradition, not forgetting King Louis XV and Madame Pompadour. Gerard Philippe and Gina Lollabrigida act with charm, vim and vigour; George van Party's score is a real 'musiquette.'

FRANGO

Dragging Marriage

"EDOUARD et Caroline" (Atmon, Haifa) are a young married couple very much in love with. He is the struggling pianist and the chance of his life is coming that evening when he is to play at her rich uncle's house. An hour beforehand, the two quarrel to the brink of divorce. Unnerved, he plays disastrously but finally gets his contract for the big concert. And, of course, there is a reconciliation.

A film of this type should be short, and deftly sketched in. Instead it warmed up slowly. The dressing for the party was excessive, without the details having sufficient dramatic punch. There were some good points: the same people who had just sighed over Chopin jumped with relieved alacrity to the latest South American dance. Anne Vernon is rather mannered in her portrayal of Caroline. Daniel Gelin plays the young husband competently. One must not ask too much from "Edouard et Caroline" which is meant to be light, frothy entertainment.

Corsican Robin Hood

SWASHBUCKLING in Corsica (1830) is the theme of "The Return of the Corsican Brothers" (Amphitheatre, Haifa). Evidently the brother who was supposed to have been killed was really saved by gypsies. In this sequel he returns to Corsica to help his brother-double rid the island of a vile tyrant. And, during the long series of adventures, of crossed swords, highway robberies and murder he experiences the same sufferings, and, alas, for fraternal affection, the same love towards his brother's wife.

Richard Greene has the double role of the two Corsican brothers. With all one's knowledge of how the trick is done, it still momentarily impresses me to see the same actor talking, seemingly, to himself. Paula Raymond plays the part of the wife who inspires passion all around. "The Return of the Corsican Brothers" provides simple entertainment.

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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Five Fingers.
EDEN: Skirts Ahoy (2nd week).
EDISON: Fanfan La Tulipe (2nd week).
HASAMIR: Miracle in Milan.
OR-GIL: Long Dark Hall.
ORION: Shoe You Went Away.
ORNA: Destination Gobi.
STUDIO: The Blue Veil.
YEL-OR: The Dancing Years.
ZION: Carrie. (2nd week).

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 32.5, 42.9 & 232 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 & 11.30 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.00 p.m. Turkish 11.30 a.m. 8.00 a.m. Service. 8.30 Exercises. 8.45 Musical Choob (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Chloe Dupre. 11.00 M. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Suite No. 3 (Bach); "Dybuk" (Pergament); Symphony No. 5 (Mendelssohn). 2.48 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down. 4.00 p.m. Riesa (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Leon Berryman. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 At the Opera (R). 7.45 Bank Leumi Jubilee. 8.00 Tel Aviv's Municipality at Work. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.48 Curtain Up. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Cantoral Request Programme. 10.15 Chamber Music: Serenade for Wind Quartet (Boehm); Variations on Zeira's Song "Nights in Galilee" (Broder). 10.45 "Notturno." 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

6.00, 329, 246, 42.9 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m.
4.30 p.m. Music (R). 4.50 Message for Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Literature Corner. 6.30 Ballet Music (R). 6.45 Maccabiah Report. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.3, 34.9 & 202 M.): French: 8.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LACOL-A (32.9 M.): 11.15 p.m. News & Newsreel. 11.45 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 220 & 320 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests (R). 7.35 "The Soldier as the Civilian" 8.00 Evening Tunes. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

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CONVENTION DAY OF GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF PRODUCTIVITY

The monthly meeting of groups associated with the Institute will take place on Wednesday, November 4, at 5 p.m. at the Peilei Histadrut School, Rehov David Bloch, Tel Aviv (near the new building of the Executive Council of the Histadrut).

AGENDA

Hour	Associates of the Institute Group.	Production Engineers Group	Production Technicians Group	Graduates of Courses.
5 p.m.	A lecture by Prof. Perle on "Efficient Organization of Enterprises."	A lecture by M. Karsenti, Engr. (Ind. Adviser to "Ata" Company) on "Adoption of Production Norms."	A lecture by A. Rothstein on "Organizational Problems."	A lecture by instructors of the three groups —Textile, Food, Misc. according the Programme of Advanced Studies.
7 p.m.	BREAK FOR SUPPER WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTE.			
8 p.m.	Members of the various groups will come together in the Central Hall for a lecture by Mr. H. H. Fraser, Chairman of the Board of H. H. Fraser Ltd., Industrial Advisers, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, on the subject: "Work Measurement in Maintenance."			
9 p.m.	Questions and Answers.			

All members of Groups are urged to participate in these meetings.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Mt. Carmel	69	11	20	22
Tiberias	61	17	29	28
Haifa Port	63	18	24	24
Natanya	61	15	26	25
Hakirya	70	14	26	26
Tel Aviv Port	66	18	28	24
Lydda Airport	54	13	28	27
Jerusalem	58	13	20	22
Beersheba	53	10	24	23
Eilat	55	17	37	28

FORECAST: Fair.

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MORE THAN 900 immigrants arrived during October, the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency has announced.

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THE SHOWING of the Italian film "Miracle in Milan" at the Ramis, Jerusalem, was interrupted last night because of the involuntary flow of tears in the audience caused by a bottle of tear-gas presumably placed by disaffected employees on strike.

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THE OPENING exercises of the new academic year at the Hebrew University will be held on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m. at the Edison Cinema, Jerusalem. Students may obtain admission tickets from the Students' Organization.

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A COMPETITION for ornamental gardens is announced by the Ministry of Agriculture. Those wishing to participate should apply to the Horticultural Section of the Ministry of Agriculture, Jerusalem, by November 6.

KNESSET

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his "eccentricities" and regret his outspoken statements.

Ever a herald of the "rule of the majority," Mr. Ben Gurion accepted the vote of the Cabinet or his Party whenever he happened to be in the minority. He knew, however, as everyone else who came in contact with him knew, that had he wished to press a point he could have easily won majority support by the sheer weight of his integrity and learning had he cared to impose it on his colleagues.

Undoubtedly, many reasons impel him to call a temporary break in his political career. The most important, probably, is that he wishes to obtain a perspective viewpoint of the situation.

He has done this before, when he happened to be stranded in the U.K. during the Second World War and had little to do except read and reflect.

The Baltimore Programme on the aims of the Zionist Movement was the fruit of these years of reflection.

A wish to retire from current affairs was expressed by the Prime Minister many months ago.

It is expected that he will tell the nation in detail what his real motives are, in an announcement that may be broadcast, or in a statement in the Knesset.

It would be idle to speculate when this can be expected. The Prime Minister will not leave his post as long as present international tension persists; any tentative dates, which have appeared in the press, are merely gratuitous.

CERAMICS KILN IN BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A 75-metre-long tunnel kiln was lit for the first time today in the new ceramics factory of Haras Ltd. here. The kiln had been brought piece-by-piece from Cleveland, U.S. and set up by local workers.

For the time being, production will be limited to samples for the export trade.

CHATHAM HOUSE

The name of the Chatham House review is "International Affairs," and not as it appeared in yesterday's Marginal Column.

Tel Aviv Coalition Talks Near Completion, Mapai to Quit

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipal Council at its meeting here tonight marked time with the centre of interest of the Councillors directed to the behind-the-scenes negotiations on setting up a coalition, the first task of which would be to pass the current year's budget.

Negotiations are being conducted simultaneously with Herut and the Ex-ex Religious Parties on the Council, as well as with the Progressive Party member. With the Religious Parties and the Progressive member, the Mayor can command a majority of one, and the same majority with the Herut Party alone.

At a meeting today between Mr. B. Avniel (Herut) M.K. and Mr. S. Beba, General Zionist M.K., the former demanded a Herut Deputy Mayor as well as control of the Sanitary and Public Works Departments of the Municipality. Agreement was reached on the former Department, with the Public Works control left open.

Herut, according to Councillor David Yutam, also demands that the Mayor should not raise the water rates, that there should be a redistribution of taxation in favour of the working classes, and that the city take better care of its slum quarters.

Sabbath Observance

The Religious Parties also demand a Deputy Mayor and this, it is understood, had been agreed upon in principle. In addition they demand a "solemn promise" on the part of the Mayor that the Sabbath be strictly observed. They also demand completion of the Mikve (ritual bath) at Rehov Pines here and a new one built for the north of the city. They further ask for an increase of the Religious Council's budget and ten additional plots for the construction of new Synagogues.

The Progressive Party has in principle agreed to support the Mayor, provided that its representative be given a definite status in an executive which would be set up from the Coalition Parties.

All parties concerned told *The Jerusalem Post* that the negotiations must finish this week as the overdue budget had to be passed.

Mapai, with whom the Coalition agreement has broken down several times during the past eight months, have withdrawn altogether from the negotiations and it is expected that Deputy Mayor Eliezer Peri will either resign or else be dismissed by the new Coalition Parties. During the six months he had served as Deputy Mayor he had been given no actual responsibilities in the City's administration.

Kindergarten Fees To Depend on Parent's Job

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The rate of payment for state kindergartens here has now been fixed and details can be obtained at every rate-payment station, Mayor Haim Levanon announced at the Municipal Council meeting tonight.

Payments are at five grades — IL.84, IL.72, IL.60, IL.48, IL.24 — according to the parents' occupation. Thus, businessmen and professionals pay the highest rate and unskilled labourers the lowest. In cases of hardship, complete exemption will be approved.

HADERA OPENS KINDERGARTENS

HADERA, Sunday. — The Municipal Council here tonight resolved to open its state education kindergartens immediately and to collect a fee of IL.84 per annum, with lower rates for those unable to pay the full amount.

The Council also decided to levy an additional two per cent general tax for the completion of a monument to the town's sons who fell in the War of Liberation.

Angry Debate In J'lem Council

Kindergartens for Jerusalem's five-year-olds will open today following last night's Municipal Council decision to set tuition fees at a minimum of IL.6 per annum and a maximum of IL.84. In cases of extreme hardships the fee will be waived.

The Council session was marked with dissension and political recrimination.

Mr. A. Asslrod, Herut, attacked the District Commissioner and the Minister of the Interior for permitting widespread reports regarding the suspension of the Council and the nomination of an Acting Mayor until new elections are arranged. He claimed that their denials were weak, and that such unfounded reports seriously affect the prestige of the Council.

It was later decided to have Mayor Yitzhak Kariv take up the matter with Mr. Israel Rokach and receive a clear statement of his intentions.

Elections Demanded

Mr. A. Kublanoff, Mapam, called for a vote of non-confidence in the Mayor, which was voted down, and raised the issue of non-payment of back salaries to temporary workers.

Mr. H. Friedman, Histadrut, attacked the Mayor for calling only one meeting throughout the two-month holiday recess.

The only hope for the city, its sole salvation, lay in abolishing the council and holding new elections, Mr. Friedman said.

Mr. Kublanoff spoke again stating that "this Council has no justification for its existence." He opposed the appointing of a "commissar," even for a short period. He also spoke against tying municipal to national elections.

Mr. Asslrod defended the administration, and pointed out that, while he opposed suspension, he might not oppose new elections. He accused the Government of not carrying out the recommendations of the Cheshin Committee.

Deputy Mayor E. Eliashar, (General Zionist) who was welcomed back by the Mayor after his recent vacation abroad, stated that political attacks at the present critical political juncture lowered the prestige of both the Council and the Government. He called for a "wall-to-wall" coalition, and denied rumours regarding the suspension of council.

His party was ready for an election, and might decide to request it, as the Cheshin Committee proposed. He reminded Councillors of the Committee's commendation of the honesty and self-sacrifice of Jerusalem's Councillors.

He claimed that if the Government did not carry out the Inquiry Committee's recommendations, it was due to political pressure. He proposed a closed session of the Municipality to deal with the situation and attempt to find a solution.

Dr. P.Y. Jacobi, (Progressive) pointed out that Mr. Eliashar was the first to oppose a wide coalition, by insisting that Mapai not participate. He also said that the Cheshin report had called for elections by October 24.

Gov't Help Lacking

Mr. Friedman requested that the next session be devoted to that Committee's report. The Mayor suggested that this be delayed until every Councillor had received a copy of the recommendations. He stated flatly that there was no truth in the suspension rumours. He also criticized the Government for not co-operating with the Municipality.

The resignation of the City Clerk, Mr. A. Franco, was accepted by the Council. The rate of his pension was referred to committee.

Burg Opens Postal Cash Transfer System

The first department of the Post Office Bank was officially opened by the Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, in a brief ceremony at the Bank's headquarters, Hakirya, Jerusalem, yesterday afternoon. The department — Current Clearing — will function at all Post Office branches.

In introducing Dr. Burg, Mr. H. Ben-Menahem thanked all those who helped plan the Bank, especially Sir Leon Simon, Mr. E. Matanya, Bank Director, who was absent owing to illness, and Mr. A. Ofri, Deputy Director.

Dr. Burg stated that he regretted that there had been a three-year lapse between the Knesset passage of the Post Office Bank Act and its execution. However, he was certain that the Bank would be able to give service to the public.

The Minister also regretted the term Bank in the name, which might lead the public into thinking that only large deposits were welcome.

The Bank operations are being initiated in stages, he said, beginning with the Current Clearing Department. Within a few months, a second department, Savings, will be opened.

The Bank will operate through three district offices. The Jerusalem office (a 14-room building) combines both district and national functions, the Minister stated.

Tourist Outlook Good

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Good prospects for increased tourist traffic next season were forecast here today by Mr. Amos Irron, Director of the Government Tourist Centre, who returned by El Al this morning. He had attended an international conference of tourist directors from 46 countries held in Lisbon, and a conference of 1,500 travel agents held in Rome, at which seven State travel directors, including an official representative from Egypt, had participated.

A group of 28 travel agents from America arrived here by LAI this morning, after attending the Rome conference. They will be the guests of the Israel Tourist Centre. Another group of 20 American travel agents is due on Wednesday. Both groups will tour the country to investigate possibilities of sending here large groups of tourists.

Seeing the Country

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Senior officials of the Ministries of Finance and Development and of the Prime Minister's Office took a three-hour flight over the country today, to get a bird's eye view of water resources and development projects in progress.

CITRUS SALES IN FINLAND TO RISE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The first citrus agreement of the season — that with Finland — has been signed, it was learned from the Citrus Marketing Board here today. The agreement provides for the despatch of 250,000 crates, a slight increase over last year. Payment will be in dollars.

The three-man citrus mission to Moscow to negotiate a barter agreement there is due to leave at the end of the week. The mission is composed of Mr. S. Wasserman, Director of Yachin, Mr. Y. Poiani of Pardess Syndicate, and Mr. Argaman, former Counsellor at the Israel Legation in Moscow, who will act as adviser.

The rate citrus growers are to receive for the dollars they earn this season has not yet been fixed. They are demanding IL.1.800 to the dollar. The Ministry of Finance is reluctant to approve this.

ARTICLES VALUED at more than IL.500 were stolen in various parts of Jerusalem yesterday. They include two gold watches valued at IL.350 and IL.50 in cash from a hut in the Talpiot *ma'abara* and IL.30 worth of soap and other household articles from the warehouse of the Mental Home in Givat Shaul.

Jewels, Necklaces, Medicines Added to Canned Watches Loot

Some of the "canned" watches discovered by Haifa Customs. Photo by Muhlstock

HAIFA, Sunday. — The "canned watches" food parcels which arrived on the s.s. Arliza last Tuesday are still yielding their rich harvest for jubilant customs men here. The two consignments are turning into a kind of customsman's paradise.

Today, the fourth day of the search, officials discovered 83 more watches, 90 packages of various medicines, 1,570 synthetic jewels, 1,440 pairs of earrings and 48 necklaces. The search will be continued tomorrow.

It appears that the consignments first aroused suspicion because they appeared to contain an excessively large proportion of sausage.

A customs inspection revealed a few watches inside each tin, putting the men on the track of the biggest haul they have made so far.

The smugglers also hid watches in small tins soldered on to the inside bottoms of tins of olive oil, adjusted so as to have the same weight as ordinary tins.

Customs men discovered the trick by spinning the cans on their sides and the "attachments" at one end disturbed the balance.

Necklaces were found inside sausage-shaped tubes inserted, one or two at a time, in parcels containing 30 genuine sausages.

It is thought that the smugglers had previously succeeded in passing smaller "test quantities" of contraband through the customs.

The food in every parcel containing contraband, as well as every tin opened for checking, will be confiscated. The smuggled goods will also be confiscated and probably sold abroad for foreign currency. All parcels found to be in order will be cleared.

BERMAN DENIES ALL CHARGES

HAIFA, Sunday. — David Berman, Mayor of Hadera, completed his testimony in his own defence before the District Court today, and was cross-examined by D.A. L. Rabinovitz.

He denied all the charges against him. He had never taken any money from the Municipality and the accusations against him were a vile fabrication, he said.

Mr. Berman is facing 30 charges of embezzlement, false claims and forgery.

Food Office Cashier Jailed for Theft

HAIFA, Sunday. — The former cashier of the Food Office here, Mr. Ze'ev Stuper, 35, was sentenced to four years imprisonment, on 16 charges of theft, forging official receipts and abuse of confidence, by Judge Dr. M. Landau in the District Court today. Stuper, who pleaded not guilty, stole nearly IL.3,000 while he was cashier at the office during the years 1950-52.

Dr. Landau expressed wonderment as to how it was possible for a young man, lacking professional experience, to have been given a post where hundreds of thousands of pounds of public money passed through his hands. "Only those who appointed Stuper can answer this mystery," he said.

230 Traffic Cases in Day

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — A record of 230 cases were dealt with by Magistrate Y. Wax in the current "traffic files elimination operation" today. Mr. Wax withdrew Drivers' Licences for periods of two to twelve months, and imposed IL.2 to IL.50 fines, for various traffic violations. Four magistrates are taking part in the elimination operation, dealing with hundreds of traffic violations daily.

Robbery at the 'Dan'

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The new Dan hotel on the seashore here which opened yesterday when the first guests moved in — most of them from the old Kaste Dan hotel which the new hotel is superseding — was "inaugurated" by thieves last night.

Unknown persons stole IL.1,800 worth of jewellery from Mrs. Nathalia Stein, an American tourist, while she was away from her room. The thieves gained entry through an unlocked door.

YEVIN SENTENCE CONFIRMED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Minister of Defence, David Ben Gurion, on Friday confirmed the three-year prison sentence passed by a Military Court upon Ze'ev Yevin on October 18 last for belonging to a terrorist organization.

Hacohen Returns From America

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Mr. David Hacohen, Minister-Designate to Burma, returned by El Al today from Washington, where he had attended the meeting of the Interparliamentary Union. He had also toured the U.S. on behalf of the U.J.A. and the Bond Drive.

Mr. Hacohen, who is Director of Solel Boneh, is due to leave for Rangoon at the end of this month to take up his post.

Upon his arrival here, Mr. Hacohen discovered that one of his suitcases, containing important documents, was missing. On investigation it was found that the case had been taken off the plane at Rome, because of overweight. El Al officials promised to have the case picked up immediately.

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Netherlands Asked To Report on Territories

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (Reuter). — The General Assembly's Trusteeship Committee on Thursday voted to request the Netherlands Government to transmit information on the Dutch Caribbean territories of Surinam and the Antilles until the Assembly decides that such reports should be discontinued. The vote was 30 to 13, with nine abstentions.

The Committee rejected a New Zealand amendment which would have noted the statement of the Netherlands Government explaining that the territories had achieved complete autonomy in regard to the management of their economic, social and educational affairs.

The Committee also rejected a Polish amendment which would have requested the Netherlands to report to the ninth session of the General Assembly the progress of constitutional negotiations currently proceeding between the Netherlands and the Antilles and Surinam.

Yugoslav Elections On One-Candidate Basis

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Incomplete returns show that in most constituencies only one candidate, proposed by the pro-Government Socialist Alliance, will stand for Parliament in Yugoslavia's general election three weeks from today.

According to reports from 258 of the 262 constituencies for the Lower House, two candidates are standing in seven constituencies and three candidates in three constituencies.

For the first time candidates are being chosen by the voters at electors' meetings. At the last General Election, voters were only able to record their approval or disapproval of an officially nominated list.

President Tito is standing for a Belgrade constituency.

The Electoral Law provided that as an alternative method a candidate may be nominated if he collects signatures of 200 voters, but only one case of this type of candidature has been reported.

This method has been frowned on by the Yugoslav press which described it as a remnant of the party system.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE LEADERS LEAVE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Mr. Henry Montor, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Venezky, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gross, Mr. Lawrence Laskey and other delegates to the Jerusalem Economic Conference left for the U.S. by LAI yesterday. They were seen off at the airport by Mr. T. Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office.

Also aboard the plane was the group of 12 American mayors, returning home after a short visit of the country as part of their Middle East tour.

Thirty two Economic Conference delegates flew down to Eilat today. They were accompanied by Mr. D. Ahituv of the Prime Minister's office. *(ITIM)*

Jordan Grants US Firms Dead Sea Concession

Jordan has granted a concession to an American firm for the exploitation of the mineral and other natural resources of the Dead Sea, Premier Dr. Fawzi Mulki disclosed yesterday in Amman when he read the Speech from the Throne, ANA reports.

King Hussein earlier opened a joint session of both Houses. Abdul Halim Nimer el Humud, an opposition member from Jordan, was chosen as Speaker.

Cables in Brief

LOS ANGELES. — Los Angeles yesterday laid claim to being America's third largest city. The city estimated its population at 2,971,371 as compared with 2,071,000 for Philadelphia.

VISIT. — King Paul and Queen Frederika arrived in Philadelphia yesterday on their American tour.

TRADE. — Egypt and Japan yesterday concluded a commercial agreement whereby Egypt will export cotton, phosphates and manganese in exchange for ships, steel products and railway equipment.

INSPECTION. — Two Japanese shark fishing boats were released by a Soviet patrol yesterday after a brief inspection off the Hokkaido coast.

BAN. — The Cuban Cabinet on Saturday approved a decree prohibiting Communist activity.

SKIRMISH. — Three persons including a major were killed last week in a skirmish with tribesmen in the Abor Hills, near the India-Assam border, the North-east Frontier Agency Administration announced yesterday in India.

Trinidad Lists Journalists As Undesirable Immigrants

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Sunday (Reuter). — The Trinidad branch of the Institute of Journalists has protested against an Immigration Order made by the Governor in Executive Council on Wednesday listing newspaper reporters among 147 classes of undesirable immigrants.

An advertisement published here today by the Government described the new Immigration Order as clarifying the Immigration Order of 1950 which excludes persons seeking employment for which candidates are available locally.

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express their sincere thanks to all who participated in their bereavement.

OBITUARIES

Kapell and Kalman

It was with deep mourning that we received news of the death last Friday, in a plane crash, of the pianist William Kapell, 31, as he was returning to the U.S. from a five-month tour of Australia. Only last May, this extremely gifted pianist made his Israel debut.

By strange coincidence, as the bitter news was received, we were listening to Saturday's Y.M.C.A. recorded hour presenting a performance of Prokofieff's Piano Concerto No. 3, with Kapell as soloist, giving a creative interpretation reminiscent of Eugen d'Albert.

Kapell was considered one of the ten leading virtuose pianists of this generation and one of the greatest American-born artists. In our opinion, he was the greatest discovery since Artur Rubinstein and Vladimir Horowitz, both of whom, along with violinist Yascha Heifetz were his models.

As every real artist, Kapell was very modest, though not shy. Regarding his brilliant Israel tour, he said, "I hope I left a good impression in Israel." Rather boyish in appearance, he had a remarkable intellect, was interested in literature and participated very eagerly in conversation, as he illustrated here following an informal recital in the King David Hotel Regence Bar at four in the morning.

Hypersensitive and restless, he was a chain smoker and forever mopping his forehead or his hands with his handkerchief.

When he was in Australia, he wrote to this critic "Look where I am, at the end of the world, except that now with airplanes, there is no end." Unfortunately, he was carried by the airplane to an early journey's end. The echo of his playing and his warm personality will always remain in our hearts.

He leaves a wife and two young children.

We learned at the same time of the death in Paris on Friday of the Hungarian-born composer Emmerich Kalman, at the age of 77.

Along with that brilliant Viennese trio, Franz Lehar, Leo Fall and Oscar Straus, Kalman was the most successful Continental post-classical operetta composer of this century.

His greatest successes, written during the first world war, were "Czardas Princess" and "Countess Maritza," starring Fritzi Massary. However, we feel that his earlier "Gypsy Primas", with the famous "Sari" waltz and the melancholic Stradivari song, was his most inspired score.

Using the rich source of Hungarian musical folklore and the "red pepper" rhythms of his country, his instrumentation was less transparent than that of his compatriot, Lehar. He rarely left the milieu of the Hungarian Puszta, except in some of his less popular works. His nostalgic Tokay-wine-imbued melodies bring back memories from happy days; they are sentimental and seductive, and the characteristic Kalman rhythm is infectious and thrilling.

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THE SHIP OF STATE

AT a dark moment in Roman history, Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus, famous for his integrity and frugality, was called from his plough to become Head of the Republic. Within a few weeks he turned threatening defeat into victory and saved his country. Then he returned to his farm. A modern Plutarch might find in this story analogies with David Ben Gurion's life. He, too, began as an agricultural labourer and became the architect of victory after a lifetime of service to his fellow-workers and to the cause of Zion. And he, too, personifies some of the virtues of his people — its sense of solidarity, its belief in a new world order, and its passion for learning. If he is indeed now contemplating to return to the soil and set the pace himself for a new pioneering movement, he remains faithful to the ideals of his youth, refusing to let them degenerate into the routine of stale and sterile slogans.

The time has come then, it seems, to prepare ourselves for the sight of another face on the captain's bridge. As we are not in the happy position of 19th century England, with her galaxy of great statesmen, we cannot indulge in any illusion that the successor will be of the same stature as Israel's first Prime Minister. All we can hope for is that he will be a competent chairman of his Cabinet, without the ambition of assuming at the same time the responsibilities of a department. Then alone will he be able to concentrate on those aspects of his task which, in the first revolutionary period of the State, were inevitably neglected but which now claim full and undivided attention.

In the first place, the Cabinet must no longer be burdened with too much current business of the departments, unless important questions of policy are involved. The higher staff in the various offices should by now have acquired the necessary experience for a reasonable distribution of work, and Ministers should not attempt to have their hand in everything. In other words, Ministers and Ministerial committees should muster the courage to let their principal assistants run the machine. Only by thus delegating authority will the head of a Ministry be free for the consideration of major issues. This principle of selection and delegation implies, of course, a certain stability in the higher posts.

On the same plane, the need for greater coordination has become so obvious that it will suffice to mention only one or two recent instances: the differences between the Treasury and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry about import licences, and the strange case of the railway sleepers reported in this paper a fortnight ago, where there was a long and unresolved conflict of interests between the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Labour and Solel Boneh, whereby the supply of currency-saving concrete railway sleepers was held up. Many complaints about "red tape" are easily explained by the overlapping of functions, the absence of a clear demarcation of competence, and the lack of work schedules. There have been certain improvements, thanks in part to the State Comptroller, but the machinery is still far from being sufficiently well geared. This deficiency makes itself felt, in particular, in the sphere of economic policy, but also, for instance, in the Information Services which need a thorough overhaul.

These and similar problems require a fresh approach by a new Chief of the Administration, who should not delude himself into thinking that politics is everything. The cost of transport and distribution of agricultural products, to give only one example, may affect the nation as a whole no less than difficult developments in foreign affairs. What matters is to keep the right balance in the scale of priorities.

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With all this in mind it is still good to remember that Cincinnatus was called from his plough a second time, and that the distance from his farm to Rome cannot have been much greater than that from S'de Boker to Jerusalem.

Must U.S. Economy Draw in Its Horns?

Experts Plan in Case of Depression

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
NEW YORK. —

EVER since President Eisenhower took office, there has been a rising undercurrent of nervousness about the economic future of the United States. This has been evident not only in the preoccupation of financial writers with the subjects of deflation and recession, and the nervous rises and falls of the stock market, but also in what Mr. Average Citizen has been saying to his neighbour. "Better do it this year, things may be different next." "This is no time to speculate." It has been almost as if having for the first time in 20 years elected a Republican regime, the people were nevertheless not sure the new Government could handle the economic problems facing the country.

In fairness to the Eisenhower team it should be pointed out that this uneasiness has been present to some degree ever since the end of World War II. The United States has not had a year of peace-time economy since 1940. We know that the pressure of war needs wrought a tremendous expansion of our technology and a great increase in production for man-hour. What will happen, we have been asking ourselves, when our war industries cease or even cut back production? Can we absorb all the labour now employed in these industries, the materials being utilised by them, in peace-time production? Will there not be a period of dislocation and resulting millions of unemployed as the change over is made? That change over had never really come, but now, with an armistice in Korea, it seems that it must be upon us. For instance, total of steel production in 1953, like employment, gross national product and consumer spending are at record heights, but last month steel production went below capacity for the first time in years.

Both America's allies and the American people are being reassured as to the future of the American economy by two reports: one by Dr. Gabriel Hauge, special economic adviser to President Eisenhower, (at a recent meeting in Geneva of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, at which he represented the United States); the other report entitled "The Years Ahead," published in October by the powerful Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report and to be presented to Congress when it meets in January.

Dr. Hauge found that the Europeans were a great deal more worried about the danger of an American depression than about the danger of Soviet aggression. The questions which he was asked repeatedly in one form or another were: is there going to be a depression in the United States? Is Administration deflationary economic policy increasing this danger? If a depression threatens, what does the Administration propose to do about it?

Hauge's answers were about as follows: At some point before the end of 1954 there is likely to be some "readjustment" — i.e. a downward dip in economy. This may be accompanied by a temporary increase in unemployment, but it should not be serious. Moreover, by the end of 1954, the best guess is that the economy will again have reached a new high, and will continue to grow, although the over-all rate of growth is likely to be somewhat slower than in war-stimulated years. On the second point Hauge stated that the Eisenhower administration firmly believes in an expanding economy and will do everything it can to promote it. Equally, it does not believe in taxation by creeping inflation.

The Administration, said Hauge, has no intention of standing idly by if a depression threatens. If trouble does threaten, the Government has already prepared a defence. First, an easier credit policy, centring around reduced interest rates. If this is not enough, the administration is prepared to use incentive tax and fiscal policies, such as the heavy tax write-offs which stimulated tremendous industrial expansion during the war years.

Another report just issued by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report is just as optimistic, but it too has a series of proposals of what to do in case the good times don't materialise. The study rules out the likelihood of a serious economic upset in the next two or three years, and predicts that the current high level of prosperity will continue well into 1954. The following are some of the highlights of the report:

Salient Features

"Prices will continue to rise slightly for next two or three months, and then level off towards the end of the year unless there is some disturbing international crisis.

"Although the present slump in farm prices is disquieting agricultural economists are confident it is not likely to precipitate a general depression.

"All economic conclusions are that the high levels of production and employment may be expected to continue for the remainder of 1953 and well into 1954.

"Although there are forces within the economy which may be moving downward, none of them appear either formidable or powerfully controlling."

Four main factors provide the basis of these optimistic conclusion:

"The additional output that will be necessary to provide even present per capita living standards for about 13,000,000 more people between now and 1960."

"The continued high level of investment in plants and equipment to meet this ever-expanding demand for consumer goods."

"The backlog of highways, schools, hospitals and other public facilities which will have to be constructed if we are to maintain even the minimum level of services that the average American citizen considers acceptable."

"The improved position of consumers who, in spite of price increase, still have a significant portion of their income to spend or save above what is required to meet their basic living costs."

The report does warn that "there is the possibility that private and public policies may bring about unbalances of such magnitude or cumulative force that they can be relieved only by a severe and sharp downturn in business activity." This can be averted, continues the study, "If private business will pursue an inventory and investment policy designed to stimulate jobs, markets and production; if credit conditions are maintained by the Government in a sound ratio to the needs of a growing and stable economy; and if there are no anticipatory speculative movements to upset our price and debt structure."

In brief, the committee's recommendations for dealing with a threatening depression do not differ greaty from Mr. Hauge's: Accelerate public works of an essential and beneficial character, reduce tax rates in such a manner as to encourage consumption and investment, sharply reduce taxes in the lower and middle-income brackets.

So, the economic future looks rosy for America and her Allies, but just in case . . .

KEEPING POSTED

AN incident which occurred at the Economic Conference in Jerusalem last week recalls an episode of the First Zionist Congress. In keeping with the cultural traditions of European Jewry at the turn of the century, all the proceedings of the Congress were in German and a delegate from Russia shocked his audience by addressing them in Hebrew, which hardly anyone understood. The Congress stenographers were, of course, equally baffled and the official record, instead of carrying the speech, showed the laconic entry: "Spricht hebraeisch" (speaks Hebrew). The Economic Conference had made a big advance; German had been completely displaced by English and the typists' room turned into a veritable Anglo-Saxon stronghold. However, during one of the sessions the stenographer on duty burst into the room shouting in despair: "Quick they're speaking Hebrew! Get someone to take it down!" Indeed, one of the delegates from New York had been inconsiderate enough to address the conference in the vernacular. After a search a young lady volunteered to take the speech in longhand but had barely managed to write three lines when the delegate finished his speech. We are waiting to see if the record will follow the precedent.

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WENDING his thoughtful way back to our office from the Economic Conference, one of our reporters paused to note the varieties of merchandise available on the little stalls that have mushroomed along Jaffa Road. Most of the vendors

manage to keep body and soul together as their overhead is small and there is no check on their prices for shoe laces, matches, export (sic!) razor blades, canned pineapple, Dutch cocoa, Australian beef, American coffee, asparagus, ready-made suits, raincoats, footwear of all types and ages, chocolate and toys. Just around the corner in front of the Bikur Holim hospital is a character with probably the first toy-mobile (a wardrobe on wheels) in the world. One shoe repair johnny has seven branches and an income of IL.300 a month. There is a man offering flats in Rehavia, another visas to Ecuador; a few others are street lawyers and another a private detective. You can buy plastic raincoats, paint guaranteed in 30 days and only slightly soiled lottery tickets. Our man was stopped by one of these merchants and offered a handsome pen, inscribed "Parker 51," with "made in U.S.A." embossed all over the place. After some spirited haggling he handed over most of his expense account, whereupon the Parker agent quickly departed. Alarmed at his hasty retreat the reporter approached the President of a nearby Fountain Pen Repair Institute and asked him what the pen was worth. "Not a grush, chaver," was the reply, this is a Parker Italkit. The pen was obviously made for its looks as our reporter couldn't even sign his expense account with it. Anyone wanting to give an Italian Parker 51 for a Hanukka present should contact our Office Manager.

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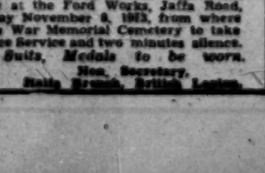
PROUD father in Tel Aviv gave his four-year-old son a box of colours as a birthday



present. Coming home from a hard day at the office he hastened to the boy's side and found him completing a study that might have made Picasso emerald green with envy. Rather foolishly, he asked what it was. "That's God," replied the artist. Taken back, father protested that no one knew what God looked like. "Never mind," retorted the prodigy, "they will now!"

Today's contributors include: Joseph Setty, and P.G. of Tel Aviv; H.C. of Cornwall; and S. Komor and N.R., of Jerusalem.

BAGDHAD'S police, officials and major-domos always supplemented their meagre salaries by managing a tip from a Yahudi who wanted to keep out of trouble or get a business transaction past red tape in six days instead of six weeks. These gentle (and not so gentle) men evidently miss this lucrative source of income and seem loathe indeed to part with the practice of making something out of Jews. Browsing through an Iraqi paper this week we came across the interesting intelligence of how a policeman and his accomplice were arrested for stealing the official forms relating to those Jews who surrendered their Iraqi passports before leaving for Israel. The motive: to remove and clean the revenue stamps. The report claims that if the stamps on the forms relating to Operation Ezra and Nehemia had been successfully cleaned and resold the pair would have netted some £60,000.

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A BLUE SUITCASE
approx. 90 x 60 cms. from a car travelling to Bat Galim from Mt. Carmel, between 5-7 p.m. yesterday. The car passed through Wingate, Herzl and Jaffa Rd.
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NOVEMBER 8 1953
All members of the Haifa Branch, British Legion, are requested to assemble at the Ford Works, Jaffa Road, at 10.30 a.m., on Sunday November 8, 1953, from where they will march to the War Memorial Cemetery to take part in the Remembrance Service and two minutes silence.
DRESS: Lounge Suits, Medals to be worn.
Hon. Secretary, Haifa Branch, British Legion.

Readers' Letters

EAST AND WEST IN ISRAEL

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an immigrant from the West, I was extremely interested in the series of letters published in your columns recently on the East-West issue in Israel. The fact that there was so great a difference of opinion amongst those whose views were published—all of whom, as far as can be gathered, are recent arrivals from Iraq—shows that the issue is far from being clear even among those whom it most directly concerns.

It appears that the term 'westernization,' which has been mentioned in so many different contexts is being misused. The term is in fact synonymous with raised standards of living, including sanitary housing, improved educational facilities and opportunity for advancement. The westernization as described by Mr. Loya (your issue of October 2), which in his view consists of "mediocre technology, pressure-group politics and country-of-origin classification" is one of the unfortunate aspects of the running of this country which immigrants from the West would be equally glad to see remedied. However, there can be no doubt that the former type of westernization would benefit all immigrants — Oriental and European alike—who, as full citizens of this country, have the right to decent housing and equal opportunities for educating their children.

As Mr. Khasoum (your issue of October 22) so rightly pointed out when quoting from "The Times Literary Supplement," the development of Israel's cultural and social patterns should always be considered in the light of Israel's geographical position. The role of Jews from Oriental countries could be a significant one in the running of this country's affairs in future years. It must also be remembered that the country's patterns were, until recently, under the primary influence of immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe. With the influx of mass immigration from Oriental countries, this new element will make its own positive contribution. It only remains for the veteran settlers in the country to adjust themselves to this new situation.

The danger lies in condemning these newcomers to a mode of primitive existence which robs them of the ability to make this contribution. After more than two years since the mass of immigrants came, their basic needs in housing and education remain unsatisfied. If it is accepted that they can make an important, positive contribution in the forming of our cultural patterns, then clearly their material standards must be raised to enable this.

Yours, etc.
PATRICIA LEVITSKY
Jerusalem, October 25.

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Khasoum (your issue of October 22) has approached our own "East-West" problem with intelligence and sincerity, but he has failed to appreciate the point of view of those who advocate westernization, when he states 'I feel no sympathy with those "westernized" orientals who disparage everything that smacks of the Orient.' This is a cruel caricature; no-one has suggested discarding oriental culture and traditions in exchange for western-ization, and this fact has not been mentioned for the simple reason that it must be taken for granted.

Yours etc.,
H.N.
Ramat Gan, October 27.

This correspondence is now closed. — Editor

'LIFE' AND 'TIME' VISITORS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Please allow me to express my apologies to the two professional newspaper-men now in Israel for "Life" and "Time" magazines, for the article by one of your commentators which appears in this morning's issue, in the place where my columns also appear.

Your commentator may think what he chooses about the policies of "Life" and "Time" magazines. With all respect, however, I suggest that a grave disservice is done to this country and to the ethics of professional journalism by the publication of this attack upon the bona fides of two visiting newspaper-men.

Yours, etc.
DAVID COURTNEY
Jerusalem, November 1.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS (VIII)

Differences of Opinion Among Allies

At the Teheran Conference of November, 1943, it had been decided to divert German opposition from the cross-Channel "Operation Overlord" by a virtual simultaneous assault on Southern France, to be known as "Operation Anvil." Forces for "Anvil" from Italy could not be spared before Rome fell. When it fell, on June 4, 1944, the position had to be reviewed.

AT Teheran we had confidently expected to reach Rome early in the spring, but this had proved impossible. The important descent at Anzio to accelerate the capture of Rome had drawn eight or ten German divisions away from the vital theatre, or more than was expected to be attracted to the Riviera by "Anvil." This in effect superseded it by achieving its object. Nevertheless, the Riviera project went forward as if nothing had happened.

The hard fighting had, of course, engulfed important enemy reserves which might otherwise have gone to France, and it certainly helped "Overlord" in its critical early stages, but none the less our advance in the Mediterranean had been greatly upset. Landing-craft were another obstacle. Many of them had been sent to "Overlord." "Anvil" could not be mounted until they came back, and this depended on events in Normandy.

British soldiers in Normandy kneeling in prayer before going into action.

On June 23 Gen. Eisenhower advised the Combined Chiefs of Staff to concentrate our forces in direct support of the decisive battle in Northern France. He admitted that an advance through the Ljubljana Gap might contain German troops, but it would not draw any of their divisions from France. As for a descent in the Bay of Biscay, he agreed that Bordeaux was closer to the United States than Marseilles, but maintained that the latter could be captured more quickly by forces already in the Mediterranean, and would furnish a direct route northwards to join in the battle for the Rhine.

He therefore urged that "Anvil" should be undertaken, at the expense of course of our armies in Italy, since "in my view the resources of Great Britain and the United States will not permit us to maintain two major theatres in the European war, each with decisive missions."

"Overlord" Priority

We were all agreed of course that "Overlord" took priority; the point was how the armies in the secondary theatre, Italy, could best help to overthrow Germany. The American Chiefs of Staff strongly supported Eisenhower. They condemned what they called the "commitment of Mediterranean resources to large-scale operations in Northern Italy and into the Balkans."

Our own Chiefs of Staff took the opposite view. On June 26 they declared that the Allied forces in the Mediterranean could best help "Overlord" by destroying the Germans who faced them. In order to launch "Anvil" on August 15, withdrawals from the Italian front would have to begin at once, and rather than land on the Riviera they preferred to send troops by sea direct to Eisenhower.

With much prescience they remarked: "We think that the mounting of 'Anvil' on a scale likely to achieve success would hamstring Gen. Alexander's remaining forces to such an extent that any further activity would be limited to something very modest."

They urged that Alexander should develop his offensive in Italy so as to engage and destroy all the German forces opposed to him; that Gen. Wilson should do all he could to emphasize *the threat of an assault* on the south of France: and that Wilson should prepare to send Eisenhower one or more American divisions and/or all the French divisions which he was capable of receiving and which our shipping resources would permit.

Deadlock

This direct conflict of opinions, honestly held and warmly argued by either side could only be settled, if at all, between the President and myself, and an interchange of telegrams now took place.

The deadlock (I said on June 26) between our Chiefs of Staff raises most serious issues. Our first wish is to help Gen. Eisenhower in the most speedy and effective manner. But we do not think this necessarily involves the complete ruin of all our great affairs in the Mediterranean, and we take it hard that this should be demanded of us. . . .

I most earnestly beg you to examine this matter in detail for yourself. . . . Please, remember how you spoke to me at Teheran about Istria and how I introduced it at the full Conference. . . .

Later I summed up my conclusions to Mr. Roosevelt.

(a) Let us reinforce "Overlord" directly, to the utmost limits of landings from the west.

(b) Let us next do justice to the great opportunities of the Mediterranean Commanders, and confine ourselves to minor diversions and threats to hold the enemy around the Gulf of Lions.

(c) Let us leave Gen Eisenhower all his landing-craft as long as he needs them to magnify his landing capacity.

(d) Let us make sure of increasing to the maximum extent the port capacity in the "Overlord" battle area.

(e) Let us resolve not to wreck one great campaign for the sake of another. Both can be won.

The President's reply was resolved to carry out "the grand strategy" of Teheran, namely exploiting "Overlord" to the full, "victorious advances in Italy," and an early assault on Southern France. Political objects might be important, but military operations to achieve them must be subordinated to striking at the heart of Germany by a campaign in Europe. The President continued:

My interests and hopes centre on defeating the Germans in front of Eisenhower and driving on into Germany, *rather than on limiting this action for the purpose of staging a full major effort in Italy.* I am convinced we will have sufficient forces in Italy, with "Anvil" forces withdrawn, to chase Kesselring north of Pisa-Rimini and maintain heavy pressure against his army at the very least to the extent necessary to contain his present force. . . .

We can — and Wilson confirms this — immediately withdraw five divisions (three U.S. and two French) from Italy for "Anvil". *The remaining 21 divisions, plus numerous separate brigades, will certainly provide Alexander with adequate ground superiority.* . . .

Mr. Roosevelt contended that a landing in the Bay of Biscay would be a waste of shipping. If Eisenhower wanted more troops, they were ready in the United States and he had only to ask for them. But it was his objections to a descent on the Istrian peninsula and a thrust against Vienna through the Ljubljana Gap that revealed both the rigidity of the American plans and his own suspicion of what he called a campaign "in the Balkans."

Too Long

He claimed that Alexander and Smuts (who supported him) "for several natural and very human reasons," were inclined to disregard two vital considerations. First, the operation infringed "the grand strategy." Secondly, it would take too long and we could probably not deploy more than six divisions.

I cannot agree (he wrote) to the employment of United States troops against Istria and into the Balkans, nor can I see the French agreeing to such use of French troops. . . . For purely political reasons over here, I should never survive even a slight setback in "Overlord" if it were known that fairly large forces had been diverted to the Balkans.

No one involved in these discussions had ever thought of moving armies *into the Balkans*: but Istria and Trieste were strategic and politital positions, which, as he saw very clearly, might exercise profound and widespread reactions, especially after the Russian advances.

The President suggested at one point that we should lay respecti e cases before Stalin. I said I did not know what he would say if the issue was put to him to decide. On military grounds he might have been greatly interested in the eastward movement of Alexander's army, which, without entering the Balkans, would profoundly affect all the forces there, and which, in conjunction with any attack a Stalin might make upon Rumania or with Rumania against Transylvania, might produce the most far-reaching results.

On the long-term political view he might prefer that the British and Americans should do their share in France in the very hard fighting that was to come, and that East, Middle and Southern Europe should fall naturally into his control. But I felt it was better to settle the matter for ourselves and between ourselves. I was sure that if we could have met, as I so frequently proposed, we should have reached a happy agreement.

On July 2 the President declared that he and his Chief of Staff were still convinced that "Anvil" should be launched at the earliest possible date, and he asked us to direct Gen. Wilson accordingly. He said that at Teheran he had only contemplated a series of raids in force in Istria if the Germans started a general retirement from the Dodecanese and Greece. But had not happened yet.

Therefore (he concluded) I am compelled by the logic of not dispersing our main efforts to a new theatre to agree with my Chiefs of Staff. . . . I honestly believe that God will be with us as He has in "Overlord" and in Italy and in North Africa. I always think of my early geometry—"a straight line is the shortest distance between two points."

For the time being I resigned myself, and the same day Gen. Wilson was ordered to attack the south of France on Aug. 15. Preparations began at once, but the reader should note that henceforward "Anvil" was called "Dragoon." This was done in case the enemy had learnt the meaning of its original codename.

* *Author's italics throughout.*

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